

amendment filed Dec. 21, 1992, and to correct typographical errors not previously observed.

First, the letters "y" and "z" inserted on page 3 were an inadvertent duplication of letter usage, the letters "y" and "z" having been used originally at page 27, lines 31-35, for other meanings.

Second, the word "average" inserted in line 20 of page 3 may have been misleading, by suggesting that the value n is always greater for a $P' + 1$ packet frame than for a P' packet frame. The preferred embodiment uses a fixed value n_s for all frames -- see for example page 33, lines 10-13 of the instant specification, where n_s is 384. Thus a frame having $P' + 1$ packets allows use of a larger bit pool for the data reduction coding (see the article describing the MASCAM system, cited on page 6, line 14) so that if desired a greater accuracy of reproduction is possible for that frame. At the same time, the important result that the average frame rate equals F_s/n_s is obtained.

Claims

Claims 29, 30 and 32 have been amended to correct inadvertent confusing use of the letter "B" which was inconsistent with usage on page 3, line 23; page 12, line 27; and Fig. 6 of the application as originally filed; to delete the word "average" previously inserted; and to make the claim clearer by adding reference to the quantities v and w .

As discussed above, those of ordinary skill in the art will understand that the value n_s is preferably a fixed integer, so that the decoding process is simplified, and each frame is related to a same number of samples (duration of

reproduced information). At the same time, the invention is applicable to a system which allows the longer frame to carry information for more samples. The important result is that the average frame rate equals F_s/n_s .

Early favorable action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

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